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AFSC hires first employee under 'Always A Soldier' program

Randy Morgan spent 25 years serving his country, and after a vehicle accident in Iraq, his military career came to an unexpected end ... or so he thought.

As a member of the 3rd Corps Support Command, an Army Reserve unit in Des Moines, Iowa, Morgan fought in Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His plan was to be a reservist until the day he retired, but in late April 2003 he experienced a life-altering change.

The HMMWV he was riding in hit a crater and went airborne, Morgan sustained injuries that kept him from continuing his service as a Soldier. In addition, his civilian career as a truck driver came to an unexpected halt.

Morgan went to a Department of Veteran's Affairs representative to find out what options were available to him. That was how he found out about the Army Materiel Command's Always A Soldier program, which helps wounded Soldiers find jobs within AMC.

"This is a great way to reach out to veterans in our community," said Denise Brown-Winchell, Army Field Support Command's Always A Soldier program coordinator. "This program provides service-connected disabled veterans opportunities for employment, career advancement, job mobility, family economic well-being and great financial security."

Morgan is honored to be the first AFSC employee hired under the program.

"I am so thankful for the Always A Soldier program," he said. "Everyone has been great, and I am no longer concerned about how I am going to support my family."

Ammunition plant hosts Exercise Golden Cargo

More than 500 Army reservists, assigned to three Army installations participated in a national military exercise aimed at providing training and experience in a wide variety of logistical functions.

Exercise Golden Cargo facilitates optimum integration of technical and tactical training and supports the mission simultaneously while benefiting the Army, reserves and participating installations, said Brig. Gen. Jerry De La Cruz, Jr., commanding general, 3rd corps Support Command.

Participating installations included McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla.; Bluegrass Army Depot, Ky., and Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Tenn.

During the course of the McAlester exercise, about 225 reserve Soldiers transported 2,790 short tons of munitions, conducted railroad operations, provided maintenance on convoy vehicles and loaded and unloaded various types of munitions from 90 military containers delivered by the convoys.

Did you know ...

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Radin, commanding general, Joint Munitions Life Cycle Management Command, Rock Island, Ill., will become the deputy chief of staff for Logistics and Operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

And in other news, Steven Clark, the Always a Soldier program coordinator, recently became the first Army Materiel Command civilian employee to be awarded the newly established Combat Action Badge for his heroic actions engaging the enemy with his unit in Iraq in 2003.

Clark was also presented the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.